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COUNTRY <u>Austria</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Soviet Troops in Apetlon</u>		25X1
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This is UNEVALUATED Information		25X1

1. From 1 to 9 April 1955, AAA firing practices were held in the area southwest of Apetlon (P 48/X 74) as specified below:

On 1 April 1955, the reports of AA guns firing at towed targets which were heard all day with varying interruptions tended to indicate that medium AA guns being used.

In the morning of 3 April 1955, the reports of guns which fired at undetermined targets tended to indicate that medium and heavy AA guns were ~~being~~ used.

In the morning of 9 April 1955, the reports of guns which fired₁ at undetermined targets tended to indicate that medium AA guns were being used.

2. From 31 March 1955 to 9 April 1955, columns of motor vehicles towing weapons which passed through Apetlon included:

On 31 March 1955, 10 motor vehicles including trucks 25X1
 all with drivers₂ wearing 25X1
 red-bordered black epaulets and each towing a medium AA gun.

On 7 April 1955, 12 motor vehicles which came from the direction of the camp including trucks all 25X1
 with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each towing a medium AA gun.

On 8 April 1955, 10 motor vehicles towing medium AA guns and an undetermined number of motor vehicles including trucks 25X1
 all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the vehicles towed weapons of the unknown type, carriages of which were similar to that of the 37-mm AA gun and the barrels of which resembled that of a mortar.

On 9 April 1955 from the direction of the camp, 4 trucks 25X1
 with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 25X1
 each of which towed a medium AA gun, and another 8 trucks 25X1
 driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towed a 25X1
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[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each towing a medium AA gun.³

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3. From 30 March 1955 to 11 April 1955, motor vehicles observed in Apetlon which came from the direction of, or travelled toward the AAA camp included:

On 30 March 1955, trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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On 31 March 1955, trucks [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] and jeep [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

On 2 April 1955, trucks [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

On 3 April 1955, trucks [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

25X1

On 4 April 1955, jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and a column of an undetermined number of trucks which travelled toward the camp, [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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On 5 April 1955, trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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On 6 April 1955, van-like motor vehicle [redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, inscribed "drugstore" in Cyrillic letters, and trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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On 7 April 1955, trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

On 8 April 1955, jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

On 9 April 1955, trucks [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

25X1

On 10 April 1955, trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted]

25X1

all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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On 11 April 1955, jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted]

25X1

[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.⁴

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4. On 30 March and 1, 8 and 9 April 1955, Soviet officers and soldiers tried to pay in Hungarian currency in an Apetlon inn.
5. On 4 April 1955, a captain and two senior lieutenants who were observed in an Aptelon restaurant and all of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets said that they came from Kagran (P 49/X 49).
6. On 10 April 1955, a store which offered for sale the same articles as the USIA stores in East Austria was opened in the Meierhof (estimated 2 kilometers south of Apetlon. Shopping was also permitted to Austrian residents of Apetlon.
7. [redacted] numerous motor vehicles which came from the direction of the camp passed through Apetlon and went toward Illmitz (P 48/X 74) or Wallern (P 48/X 84) in the night of 10 April 1955.⁴ 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. Soviet AAA units held firing practices at the Apetlon AAA range during the first 10 days of April. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] this column included air force motor vehicles which came from Wiener Neustadt. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the column observed on 9 April 1955 [redacted] belonged to Soviet units from Hungary which were presumably on their way back to their home stations. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] AAA units which were at Apetlon between 30 March and 11 April 1955 included the AA battery of the 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div from Kagran, component units of the 23d AAA Div from Korneuburg, Soviet AAA units from Hungary, and air force AAA units from Kagran and [redacted] Wiener Neustadt. 25X1

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